

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this Application. Claim 1-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Claims 1, 9, and 17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph. Claims 1, 9, and 17 have been amended. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending claims 1-18 in light of the amendments following remarks.

Rejection of Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Specifically, The Office Action stated that the claims fail to disclose how a second website program will read a cookie place by a first site program since cookie programs from a first domain cannot read cookies from a second domain. Applicants disagree with the Office Action that cookies cannot be read by a domain that did not place the cookies. Specifically, the Office Action provided an article about cookies from Sentrysystems.com that discusses the fact that cookies can indeed be read between different domains: "Most companies now encrypt cookies. That is, they scramble the cookie so that only the server or application that created the cookie can decipher the contents of the cookie." (Printed Page 2) Hence, when cookies are not encrypted, any domain is able to read their content, since they are merely text files, as discussed on the Sentrysystems.com article. Accordingly, applicants submit that Claims 1-18 comply with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph by describing a cookie placed by a first domain.

The Office Action further rejected Claims 1, 9, and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 9, and 17 to more clearly recite that "positive" means "true" and "negative" means "false." Accordingly, Claims 1, 9, and 17 are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

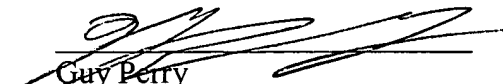
SUMMARY

Applicants have amended the claims to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections. In view of the forgoing supporting remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request allowance of pending claims 1-18.

If the Examiner wishes to direct any questions concerning this application to the undersigned Applicants' representative, please call the number indicated below.

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